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St. James's, November 21.

HIS Grace the Duke of Somerset, Chancellour of the University of Cambridge, attended by Dr. Gooch Vice-Chancellour, and a great Number of the Heads and other Doctors and Members of the University, being received by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle Lord Chamberlain, with the usual Ceremonies, had the Honour to present the following most dutiful and most loyal Address, which passed unanimously in full Senate.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Chancellour, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

May it please your Most Excellent Majesty,

TO permit us to express before you the Joy and Satisfaction we feel upon your safe and happy Return to this Kingdom; a Satisfaction common to us and all your Subjects. But as we can never forget your Majesty's Royal Munificence to this University, nor think of it without a Sense of the particular Obligation we are under to be zealous in whatever concerns the Prosperity of your Majesty and your Family; 'tis our Ambition to appear among the forwardest upon all the happy Occasions of Congratulation.

Your Majesty's Presence gives new Life to your faithful Subjects; and if the Tranquillity we enjoyed, during your Absence, could not afford us compleat Satisfaction, even that is to be ascribed to your Goodness and Princely Vertues, which make your Subjects regret all Occasions that call you from them.

We never think of your Majesty but under the amiable Character of Defender and Supporter of our Religion and Civil Liberties; the more we value these Blessings (and over-value them we cannot) the better able we are to judge of the Happiness we enjoy under your auspicious Government; and to teach those under our immediate Care, how much it concerns them, as Protestants and English-Men, to be zealous for the present Establishment, which is the great Security of both.

To our Religion and Liberties, under the Protection of excellent Princes, we owe the Revival and Improvement of Learning among us; and as the Sense we have of these inestimable Blessings engages us to wish and endeavour the Continuance of them to our selves, 'tis with a particular Pleasure we behold your Majesty, in Conjunction with other Powers, asserting the Cause of Liberty, and supporting the Interest of our Protestant Brethren abroad, whose deplorable Condition every Day convinces us, that the Protestant Profession must stand or fall with a Protestant Succession.

We beg Leave to add our most affectionate Wishes and Prayers, that He by whom Kings reign, and Princes decree Justice, may direct and prosper all your Undertakings for the good of your People; and give you, in the fullest Measure, the Blessings of this Life, and of that which is to come.

His Majesty was pleased to receive it in a most gracious Manner, and gave the following Answer:

I Thank you for this Loyal and Dutiful Address, and shall always be glad to find such Doctrines and Principles taught in the University as tend to preserve the Freedom of our happy Constitution, and to the Support of the Protestant Religion.

Westminster, Nov. 23. His Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson, Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Satisfaction with which I always meet you, is very much increased at this Time, when it has pleased Almighty God so to strengthen the Arms of Great Britain and our Confederates, and so to prosper our several Negotiations, that by his Blessing on our Endeavours we may reasonably promise ourselves to reap very soon the Fruits of our Successes. I am persuaded it will be accounted by all my good Subjects a sufficient Reward for some extraordinary Expence, that all Europe as well as these Kingdoms is upon the Point of being delivered from the Calamities of War by the Influence of British Arms and Counsels. One Protestant Kingdom has already been relieved by our seasonable Interposition, and such a Foundation is laid by our late Treaties for an Union amongst other great Protestant Powers, as will very much tend to the Security of our Holy Religion.

I believe you cannot but be surprized at the Continuation of a War, where our Enemies have nothing to hope and so much to fear. It is indeed difficult to frame any Judgment of those Counsels which have broke out of late in so many rash and ill-concerted Measures. If they depend upon our Divisions at Home, I doubt not but in a very short Time their Hopes founded upon this Expectation will prove as vain and ill grounded as any of their former Projects.

In congratulating with you on this happy Posture of Affairs, I must tell you that as I have been very just and faithful to my Engagements, so I have met such frank and powerful Returns of Assistance from my Allies, as will, I doubt not, establish a lasting Friendship among us.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

You will see by the Accounts I have ordered to be delivered to you, how moderate a Use I have made of the Power entrusted with me to augment my Forces by Sea and Land. I depend upon the eminent Duty and Affection you have always shewn to my Person and Government, that you will be vigorous in dispatching the necessary Supplies for the Year; to which Purpose I have ordered the Estimates to be laid before you. And at the same Time I must desire you to turn your Thoughts to all proper Means for lessening the Debts of the Nation.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

You must all be sensible of the many undeserved and unnatural Troubles I have met with during the Course of my Reign. Our Divisions at Home have gone magnified Abroad, and by inspiring into some Foreign Powers a false Opinion of our Force, have encouraged them to treat us in a Manner which the Crown of Great Britain shall never endure while I wear it. The Trouble and Expence which this hath brought upon us, have been the most loudly complained of by those who were the Occasion of them. But with your Assistance I have hitherto got through all these Difficulties, and by the Continuance of